

- decipiens*); east of Continental Divide in southern U. S., but extending across northern U. S. and southern Canada to Pacific Northwest ..... 11
- 10a Pronotum with 4-10 (rarely 2) erect hairs; lower malar area and frontal lobes often subpolished to shiny; color variable, but often wholly blackish ..... *essigi* M. R. Smith
- b Pronotum usually without erect hairs, rarely with 2-4 hairs; lower malar area and frontal lobes dull, densely tessellate; head, mesosoma, and appendages ferruginous, gaster blackish (some samples in southeastern Arizona may be extensively infuscated) ..... *sayi* Emery
- 11a Clypeus distinctly broader than long and with 4-10 (usually more than 6) erect hairs along margins above level of tentorial pits; color various, but if head and mesosoma reddish, at least gastral tergum 1 also reddish or yellowish or clypeus is distinctly roughened or occipital margin straight ..... 12
- b Clypeus about as long as broad or slightly longer and with 2-4 long erect hairs along margin above level of tentorial pits; head, mesosoma, and appendages red to yellowish red; clypeus dull and densely tessellate, but not roughened; occipital margin distinctly concave in frontal view ..... *decipiens* Emery
- 12a Head and mesosoma usually brownish to blackish, but if somewhat reddish, gaster is wholly black; occipital margin straight to weakly concave (widespread in northern and eastern hardwood forest, to Pacific Northwest) ..... *nearcticus* Emery
- b Head, mesosoma, appendages, and first 1 or 2 gastral terga yellowish to yellowish red; occipital margin slightly to moderately concave (SE United States, central Texas to Georgia) ..... *pavidus* Wheeler

*Camponotus (Myrmentoma) anthrax* Wheeler

*Camponotus anthrax* Wheeler, 1911:96; W F M.

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This unusual species is presently known only from coastal southern California, from Santa Barbara to San Diego Counties, and from northern Baja California, Mexico. In California, it has been collected as far inland as 4 mi. E. Hemet, Riverside Co., and at Warner Springs, San Diego Co. It has also been collected on Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara Co. Collection elevations range from near sea level to about 3500 feet.

Nests are situated in soil, often under a covering stone, an unusual characteristic within *Myrmentoma* that is shared with the otherwise